IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

--This is a continuation of application number 10/101,121 filed March 19, 2002, now abandoned, which is a continuation of application number 09/021,207, now U.S. Patent No. 6,384,554, issued May 7, 2002, which is continuation of application number 08/465,138, filed June 5, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,717,297, issued February 10, 1998, which is a continuation of application number 07/956,948, filed October 5, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,583,404, issued December 10, 1996.--

Page 1, please replace paragraph 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--The invention pertains to a drive circuit for brushless dc motors ~~according to the preamble of Claim 1~~. --

Page 2, please delete paragraph beginning on line 3 and ending on line 4.

Page 2, please replace paragraph beginning on line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The invention is based on the fact that for purposes of additional energy savings through increasing the overall efficiency of the motor and drive circuit, the following activities ~~will be~~ are combined: --

Page 10, please delete line 24.

Page 21, please delete paragraph on lines 1-3.

Page 21, please insert the following new paragraphs beginning on line 1:

--Fig. 9 is a timing chart for a motor current specification with the motor blocked.--

Page 22, amend paragraph beginning on line 13 to read as follows:

-- A start-up circuit consisting of relay 1108, ~~and~~ drive transistor 1150, and ~~also series [sic; parallel]~~ resistors 1126 and 1128 ~~will prevent~~ prevents power-on current surges and causes a smooth start-up of the motor. After passage of a safety period, shortly after turn-on of the drive circuit, the motor can be powered at maximum permissible current. --